

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING JANUARY 29, 2025 AS "NEW MEXICO FOOD AND FARMS
3 DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN CELEBRATION OF
4 COMMUNITY FOOD AND FARM INITIATIVES TOWARD ENDING HUNGER AND
5 STRENGTHENING THE STATEWIDE FOOD SYSTEM.

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7 WHEREAS, New Mexico food and farms day celebrates the
8 efforts of individuals, youth, communities, organizations and
9 agencies in creating a thriving local food, farming and
10 ranching economy while emphasizing that everyone in New
11 Mexico should have access to fresh, local, healthy and
12 nutritious food; and

13 WHEREAS, New Mexico food and farms day celebrates the
14 following 2025 award recipients:

15 A. the good food for New Mexico award, celebrating
16 New Mexico farmers' markets: Silver City farmers' market;

17 B. the sowing change award, for organizations
18 engaged in creating sustainable food systems: the student
19 success and wellness bureau of the public education
20 department;

21 C. the heart of the land award, for outstanding
22 leadership in farming or ranching: Bryce Townsend, Black
23 Mesa farm;

24 D. the growing the future award, for new or young
25 farmers and ranchers: Casey Holland, Chispas farm;

1 E. the living land award, for outstanding
2 leadership in land stewardship: Melanie Kirby, Zia Queenbees
3 farm and field institute; and

4 F. the New Mexico golden chile award, honoring all
5 schools, senior centers and early childhood programs that
6 purchase New Mexico-grown and -raised products from farms and
7 ranches;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
9 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 29,
10 2025 be proclaimed "New Mexico Food and Farms Day" in the
11 house of representatives in celebration of community food and
12 farm initiatives toward ending hunger and strengthening the
13 statewide food system; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the board chair of farm to table and the
16 governing committee chair of the New Mexico food and
17 agriculture policy council.